**Lois Lowry, *Number the Stars*Essay Test REVISED**

**Prompt:** Lois Lowry explores the theme of bravery and courage in her novel, *Number the Stars.* Define and compare these two similar traits by using one character from the novel to represent each one. Discuss the basis for your comparison (the quality that overlaps your definitions), qualifying it can be applied somewhat differently in each case. Ultimately, share what you think Lowry wants us to understand about courage and bravery from reading her novel. Use the graphic organizer below to plan and organize your essay. You may bring it, along with your vocabulary sheets, to class.

**Note: You can review pages 23 and 25 in the *English Workshop* for more information on writing introductions and conclusions.**

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| 1. Introduction: Mention the topic of your essay, the theme of bravery and courage in Lois Lowry’s *Number the Stars.* State the one overlapping quality that forms the basis for comparing each trait, making sure to specifically name the quality you will. Connect each trait (bravery or courage) to a specific character in the novel. State the importance or significance of this theme for the novel. |
| Opener: |
| Basis of comparison (overlapping idea): |
| Apply quality to bravery: |
| Character who illustrates bravery: |
| Apply quality to courage: |
| Character who illustrates courage: |
| Impact or significance of both to the novel: |
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| 2. Body Paragraph 1: Include a topic sentence that introduces your definition of bravery. Apply the quality you will discuss to specific examples in the novel that relate to the character you have chosen. Include directions quotations (give page numbers) as evidence if you can. End with a sentence about the significance or impact of what you have discussed. |
| Topic Sentence: |
| BQ: Explain further and apply to character: |
| BQ: Evidence |
| Significance or Impact |
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| 3. Body Paragraph 2: Include a topic sentence that introduces your definition of courage. Apply the quality you will discuss to specific examples in the novel that relate to the character you have chosen. Include directions quotations (give page numbers) as evidence if you can. End with a sentence about the significance or impact of what you have discussed. |
| Topic Sentence: |
| CQ: Explain further and apply to character: |
| CQ: Evidence |
| Significance or impact: |
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| 4. Conclusion: “Knit” your essay together by touching on your key points (but not merely restating them) in a summary statement. Consider what you have learned from placing these two similar definitions side by side. Take your ideas a step further and make a final statement about the theme of bravery and courage in Lowry’s novel. |
| Summary statement: |
| Further implications: |
| Closer: |